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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): J. HIRAI, et al  
Serial No.: 10/733,318  
Filed: December 12, 2003  
For: NUMERICALLY CONTROLLED CURVED SURFACE  
MACHINING UNIT  
Group: 2125  
Examiner: S. Shechtman

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 19, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendment of the Specification;

Amendment of the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.